



## Safety campaign needed on emergency procedure

Maybe we need to begin a safety campaign aimed at informing drivers how to react to an oncoming ambulance, lights flashing, en route to whatever the situation dictates.

In town, as the practice has been used for years, is to slow down and move to the right, if possible. Assumingly, that still holds true.

But what about out on the highway?

The reason we ask is because we had occasion to be on a highway one afternoon recently, and noticed an ambulance in the distance traveling toward us with its emergency lights flashing. We were on the highway so there was no need to slow down and move to the right. Where would you move to on a two-lane highway, anyway?

However, there was a car in front of us — and thank goodness with ample distance between us and them to allow us to avoid rear-ending it after

it did a complete stop on the highway to allow the ambulance to pass by.

Wow, we could have easily needed the services of that ambulance if the situation had been otherwise. Thank goodness we were far enough behind the vehicle ahead to allow our brakes to bring us to a safe halt.

We have no idea how often circumstances such as this take place. But one would think common sense would prevail. After all, you are on the highway and the game plan changes.

Maybe it's time for the safety gang to give all of us who operate vehicles a refresher course on emergency vehicle courtesy — in town, on two-lane highways and the superlabs. We would happily open our columns to allow them the space needed to get this all-important information to our reading audience.

—Tom Dreiling

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



Some times we don't appreciate what we have until it is gone.

In a recent meeting with the owners of the *Bird City Times*, Steve and Cynthia Haynes, a decision was made on whether or not to consolidate the paper with the other county paper.

Every possible angle was looked at. Cost, especially, was considered. In the newspaper business a paper survives on the amount of advertising that keeps it afloat.

But the *Times* is much more than just a place to advertise. It is a

weekly glimpse into the lives of the people of Bird City.

It is who the student athletes of Cheylin are playing next weekend. It is the new business that is making its home here. It is who stopped to visit an old friend after church last Sunday. Years from now, the curious will crack open pages to see who we were.

Luckily, the Haynes family has faith in the *Bird City Times* to be profitable.

"There are few other towns the

size of Bird City that has a paper like their's," said Mr. Haynes.

I'm proud to be apart of this paper.

Right now the *Times* is desperately in need of another editor. If ever the time was for someone to do something important for their town, it is now.

Please call me for your chance to make a difference, (785) 332-3162.

## Open Season

### Cat Lady

By Cynthia Haynes



Steve accuses me of being a cat lady, but that's not really true.

I'm an animal person. I like almost anything that walks, crawls, wiggles, squirms, swims, climbs or hops.

Yes, we have three cats, but only two are ours. The third belongs to youngest daughter, although she'll never reclaim that kitty because her fiance is allergic to cats.

We also have a dog, a pet toad and half a dozen spiders.

Annie, the dog, belongs to Steve, but I help walk her and make sure her pen is clean and she has plenty of fresh water and food.

The toad is a fairly new addition. I spotted this little guy hopping in the street about a month ago and picked him up and brought him home. Now he lives in the garden and helps with pest elimination. We saw him last week, when he hopped out on the patio. He's obviously doing his job. He's really grown.

The spiders aren't really pets. They're just interesting ornaments for the back porch and garage. It's fun to watch them spin their webs and do their spiderly things — a

little gross perhaps, but nature isn't always neat and it's no worse than some of the dead things the cats bring home.

Boy, can they hop on a bug that lands in one of the webs. It's something to watch.

When I was young, we always had a dog and a cat or two around the house. Over the years, we also had squirrels, a prairie dog, a raccoon (for a very short time) and an assortment of turtles, lizards and goldfish.

Once mousesat for a friend when she went on vacation.

When I was in college, one roommate had a collie and the other a pair of hamsters. My pet was a three-foot bull snake. I kept it for three years. The month before we got married, I took her out to a sand pit and released her in a nice big weed patch.

When my children were young, we had an assortment of cats but didn't have a dog until the oldest came home with a puppy under her coat one day and that "can I keep it?" look. So Rusty joined the family and a couple of years later Honey came to live with us when her owners couldn't find another home.

Now, I lie. We did have a wippet named Waldo for a short time. It

was an unfortunate alliance and it's amazing we ever got another dog.

While the children were bringing home dogs and cats, I kept an aquarium in the living room with a garter snake — actually several over the years. We also had a collection of lizards.

Bunsy was a stowaway in our barn, so we added a white rabbit to the cats, dogs, snakes, lizards and turtles living on the premises.

I've been known to smuggle a tarantula into a hotel room in Kansas City so youngest daughter, then a biology teacher, could take it to her science class.

I also hid a couple of my son's little lizards in a cubby in my office one year. We had exterminators at the house and I was afraid the chemicals would be bad for the little fellows. I believe in live and let live, but I'm not going to share quarters with either cockroaches or termites if I can help it.

I had to hide the lizards because Doris the proofreader was terrified of reptiles and I didn't want to distress her.

Mostly now I stick with cats and things that live outside. It's easier, since I really need a proofreader.

## WHEN WHAT'S FAIR FOR ONE ISN'T FAIR FOR ALL...



## News From the Past

### 90 years ago - 1917

Monday night a Red Cross Chapter was organized in St. Francis. The county officers were elected as follows: W.B. Lockwood, chairman; J.W. Skepper, vice chairman; L.E. Harrison, treasurer and Mrs. P.L. Kreuscher, secretary.

The front page of the July 12 (1917) St. Francis Herald lists the name and draft number for 505 Cheyenne County men. The men are to note carefully the prefix number to their name and watch future issues of the Herald for the draft.

Another barn was burned in the country south of town early Wednesday morning, when the barn at the Jake Stasser place was completely destroyed together with five sets of harness and some hay. The large number of barns that have been burned in this vicinity during the past year give us good grounds to believe that fire bugs are operating in this vicinity.

Don't forget the Hillman Company is going to be at the St. Francis Opera House on Wednesday. A four-act comedy entitled "His Next of Kin" will be their opening bill.

**75 years ago - 1932**  
A lone bandit robs First National Bank of \$2,000. Two officers and two customers were placed in the vault. The robber was captured at the edge of the city.

A new gasoline station has been opened on the highway west of St. Francis. The station was built and will be operated by the Oakley Brothers.

**50 years ago - 1957**  
Charlene Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brice Murphy, was named Miss Cheyenne

County.

Darrell Biggs of St. Francis was among the 45,000 Scouts and Explorers from all over the nation to attend the annual National Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge.

Rev. Oliver Davidson of Greeley, Colo., was assigned to the St. Francis Evangelical United Brethren Church. Rev. Frank Schroeder, who has served St. Francis four years, was assigned to the Grand Island, Neb., church.

Three Cheyenne County youth have enrolled in the High Plains Music Camp at Fort Hays State College. They are Lois Kanel, who plays the clarinet; Kay Kanel, who plays the alto saxophone and Karen McGuire, who plays the cornet.

St. Francis has a new roadside park

### 30 years ago - 1977

Beginning July 31, Carl Werner will be sitting in the superintendent's chair at the high school. Superintendent Carl Sperry will be working part-time during the first semester while Mr. Werner gets a feel for the position. Mr. Werner taught at the high school under Mr. Sperry, who was principal at the time, from 1964 to 1973. Mr. Werner returned to St. Francis from Brewster, where he was high school principal.

A work project for St. Francis citizens of all ages was held on Saturday at Sawhill Park. Elaine Kite is the PRIDE Chairman.

Denise Cress is the Cheyenne County Wheat Queen.

Population census tallies released by Cheyenne County Assessor Henry Rieb, show a decline in county population back to nearly the 1975 level. Figures from the tax roll show 4,016 people in the county compared to 4,100 last year. Most of the de-

cline is attributed to the death rate in Cheyenne County in 1976, when more than 90 people died.

Rory Cahoj and Kelly Gienger have qualified to represent Kansas in the National Junior Freestyle championships in Iowa City, Iowa.

### 15 years ago - 1992

Marjorie Peter, Cheyenne County Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service, recently traveled to Washington D.C. to accept the Agency's highest honor, the Administrator's Award for service to Agriculture.

The Pom Pon girls brought home trophies and a spirit stick from Camp. Attending were Amanda Terry, Sara Sherlock, Tish Busby, Chasiti Gutsch and Tina Poling.

Hilda Mlinek has retired from the St. Francis Equity after 25 years of service. She began working on April 1, 1967.

The Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show begins July 30. Norm Dorsch, association president, reports that some of the members of the association spent most of the winter restoring a 1922 Holt combine. Although it was displayed last year, this year it looks like new.

The new fairground building is nearing completion just in time for the fair on Aug. 6, 7 and 8. The building will house the 4-H Council and Lawn Ridge food booths and an eating area.

The Pleasant Hill 4-H Club held a safety swimming party at the pool with a water lesson given by Margaret Poling followed by a watermelon treat.



## Honor Roll

New and renewed Herald subscriptions: Steve Golden, Oakley; Don Gilliland, Bird City; Kathy Biggs, St. Francis; John Guthmiller, St. Francis; Gordon Ross, St. Francis; Kenny Bracelin, St. Francis; Troy Faulkender, Oakley; Darin Stang, McCook, Neb.; E.R. Zimbelman, Boulder, Colo.; Lyle Williams, Emporia; Atwood Library, Atwood; Jackie John, Phillipsburg; Carol Stouffer, Tonganoxie; Dean Blume, Goodland; Raymond Zweygardt, St. Francis.

**GOD SAYS**

**If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.**

**II Chronicles 7:14**

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332-3002  
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No Summer Sunday School  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:30 p.m.

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204 N. Quincy Street  
www.sfccfamily.com  
Pastor: David Butler  
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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
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